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In re Application of  
Karsten Sternickel, et al.  
Application No. 10/561,285  
Filed: December 20, 2005  
Attorney Docket No. CMIP003NAT

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(a), filed April 12, 2010, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner requests that the present application be withdrawn from issue for consideration of an IDS filed on April 12, 2010.

37 CFR 1.313(a) states, in part:

Applications may be withdrawn from issue for further action at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. To request that the Office withdraw an application from issue, applicant must file a petition under this section including the fee set forth in § 1.17(h) and a showing of good and sufficient reasons why withdrawal of the application from issue is necessary.

As such, a grantable petition requesting withdrawal of an application from issue must be accompanied by: (1) a showing of good and sufficient reasons why withdrawal of the application from issue is necessary; and (2) the requisite petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h). The petition fee of \$130 has been charged to petitioner's deposit account.

However, the petition does not set forth good and sufficient reasons as to why withdrawal of the application from issue is necessary. The mere submission of an IDS with the petition does not make withdrawal of the application from issue necessary. There are other avenues open to applicant to have an IDS considered other than by way of petition.

Following the part of 37 CFR 1.313(a) cited above, 37 CFR 1.313(a) goes on to state:

A petition under this section is not required if a request for continued examination under § 1.114 is filed prior to payment of the issue fee.

The filing of a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 with a submission and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) would have been a proper available option to have the IDS considered. It is well documented that an IDS satisfies the submission requirement under 37 CFR 1.114. *See* MPEP 706.07(h)(II).

For the above reasons, this application will not be withdrawn from issue under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.313(a).

The issue fee in this application has not been received. If the IDS is not favorably considered by the examiner, petitioner may wish to file a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) after the payment of the issue and publication fee(s).

Any inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to undersigned at (571) 272-1642.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 3762 for appropriate action on the IDS filed April 12, 2010.

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